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### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN UKRAINE AND CANADA IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING UKRAINIAN STATEHOOD

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As Canada is the country with the largest Ukrainian diaspora also it has been actively helping Ukrainians find their new home in its territory over the last century. Canada's legal framework is developed, the country has strict rules for accepting new immigrants, but strict requirements for candidacy do not stop the flow of Ukrainians seeking a better life in the country. It should be noted that despite the complexity of the bureaucratic mechanism in the process of acquiring Canadian citizenship, Ukrainians are the most active in this case.

Canada had been helping the pro-Ukrainian human rights public organizations that began their activities in the former Ukrainian SSR since the mid-1980s when the process of «Perestroika» began in the Soviet Union. Support was provided in both ways: material and moral-information. These were the Ukrainian Helsinki Union and the People's Movement of Ukraine speaking of last it should be noted that it became the subject of research of more than ten defended dissertations on the history of Ukraine, which scientifically confirmed the importance of this socio-political force in the collapse of the Soviet Union and that Ukraine has gained its independence.

At the time of Ukraine's independence the country had more than fifty-two million citizens and a fairly well-developed infrastructure which with good management could make Ukraine one of the best countries in the world. However due to interference in the internal affairs of neighboring countries and the conduct of information warfare in our territory this has not been achieved.

Also Canada was one of the first countries that support the striving of Ukraine to defend historical justice in the question of Holodomor of 1932–33 and condemning the crimes of totalitarian regimes, at the beginning of the

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2000s. Numerous Canadian organizations have begun collaborating with Ukrainian researchers and scientists, stimulating them financially to develop a scientific-information base on the issues.

Canada was one of the first to admit Ukraine's independence on December 2, 1991, and in April 1992 Canada opened the Canadian Embassy in Ukraine in Kyiv; The Embassy of Ukraine in Canada was opened in November 1992 in Ottawa. Ukraine and Canada have signed 52 international agreements on cooperation in various direction of vital activity of the countries over the past 30 years, namely:

September 22, 1991 Declaration on relations between Ukraine and Canada; January 27, 1992 Joint Declaration on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Ukraine and Canada; July 7, 1992 Declaration on Economic Cooperation between Ukraine and Canada, September 23, 1992 Memorandum of Understanding on Consultations between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada; September 25, 1992 Memorandum of Understanding between the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice of Canada; January 1, 1993 Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Postal Services; July 3, 1993 Veterinary Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Ukraine and the Ministry of Agriculture of Canada on the import of bovine embryos into Ukraine; March 31, 1994 in the Joint Declaration on a Special Partnership between Ukraine and Canada;

October 24, 1994 Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on Military Relations, Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on the Canadian Cooperation Program, Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on Investment Promotion and Protection, economic cooperation, as well as the Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation between Ukraine and Canada.

November 24, 1994 Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and the Ministry of National Defense of Canada in the field of bilateral military relations; August 29, 1995 Protocol between the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada on the intention to further implement the Project on Environmental Assessment and Reclamation of Former Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Locations. October 2, 1995 Memorandum of Cooperation between Ukraine and the Province of Saskatchewan (Canada) November 3, 1995 Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Space Agency and the National Space Agency of Ukraine.

December 20, 1995 Administrative Arrangement between the Ministry of Environment and Nuclear Safety of Ukraine and the Atomic Energy Supervisory Board of Canada in accordance with the Agreement between the

Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; March 4, 1996 Convention between Ukraine and Canada for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital; September 23, 1996 Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters; October 24, 1996 Memorandum on the Establishment of the Intergovernmental Ukrainian-Canadian Commission on Economic Cooperation; December 9, 1996 Memorandum between the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and the Department of Health of Canada on cooperation in the field of health.

March 6, 1997 Declaration on Peacekeeping Activities between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada, November 27, 1997 Memorandum on the conditions for granting and using targeted non-refundable financial assistance (grant); March 2, 1998 Protocol of Intent between the General Directorate of Civil Service of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Civil Service Commission of Canada; April 7, 1998 Protocol between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Export Development Corporation, an institution of Canada, on financial cooperation; July 30, 1998 Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Human Resources Development of Canada in the field of labor and social protection; January 28, 1999 Memorandum on Mutually Beneficial Cooperation between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada for the Elimination of Stockpiles of Anti-Personnel Landmines Stored in the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

June 23, 2000 Memorandum of Understanding between the State Committee for Construction, Architecture and Housing of Ukraine and the Ministry of Public Works and Government Services of Canada on Cooperation in Housing; March 26, 2001 Framework Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on the Elimination of Anti-Personnel Mines in Ukraine; October 30, 2001 Integrity Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice of Canada and the Center for Legal Reform and Drafting; December 5, 2001 Joint Declaration on the further development of the special partnership between Ukraine and Canada; December 8, 2005 Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on cooperation on climate change, including projects implemented pursuant to Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol; February 24, 2006 Memorandum of Understanding between the State Department for Financial Monitoring of Ukraine and the Center for Analysis of Financial Transactions and Reports of

Canada (FINTRAC) on cooperation in combating money laundering and terrorist financing; November 9, 2006 Protocol of Understanding between the Supreme Court of Ukraine, the Council of Judges of Ukraine and the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine and the Office of the Federal Judicial Commissioner of Canada; May 26, 2008 Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada on the project of personnel management reform in the civil service of Ukraine; September 24, 2009 Roadmap of Ukrainian-Canadian relations; October 25, 2010 Memorandum of Understanding on Youth Exchanges between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada; July 11, 2016 Free Trade Agreement between Ukraine and Canada; April 3, 2017 Agreement on Defense Cooperation between the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and the Ministry of National Defense of Canada and the Armed Forces of Canada [1].

So, summarizing the above, we can conclude that Ukrainian-Canadian international relations are at a fairly developed level. Canada helped Ukraine in every way in the process of building Ukrainian statehood, defending historical justice in controversial issues of national history.

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